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Mother Angie's Musings

While my maternity leave was a blessed time spent with our little boy, I am excited to be back doing ministry with you all. I am very grateful for your prayers for our family throughout this time. One thing that being a mother has highlighted for me is that it takes a lot of time and energy to build a relationship. You have to get to know each other and form bonds of trust and love.

Similarly, one thing that I have learned throughout my time in ministry is that it all boils down to relationships. In fact, the goal of ministry is to lead people into deeper relationship with God and others. These relationships, like all relationships, take time and effort to develop and grow. Yet there are so many demands on our lives between work and family that it can be hard to figure out how to make time for it all and what to prioritize. One way to create that prioritization is through a rule of life.

I used to think that a rule of life was only for those in religious orders like monks or nuns. But as St. Benedict taught, they are 'simply a handbook to make the very radical demands of the gospel a practical reality in daily life.' A rule of life can be for a group or an individual and creates a framework for how to organize and prioritize life's tasks and behaviors.

My personality is such that I prefer being given guidelines and not strict statutes. It has always been hard for me when I felt as if there was no flexibility or latitude in a situation. However, oddly enough, I am also the type of person who generally feels compelled to follow and enforce rules.

It is something which I have known about myself for quite some time and I have tried to work on it. I think a lot of this comes from my growing up in a very "black and white with no grey" atmosphere.

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Saturday :
Vigil Mass 5:00 PM

Sunday:
Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:00 AM
Sunday School 9:30 AM

Wednesday:
Dinner Eucharist 6:00 PM

Thursday:
Morning Prayer 9:00 AM



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@Trinitywdbridge

I struggled under the restrictions I felt but at the same time, it was ingrained in me to follow the rules and make sure others did as well. It has been a long and slow process, but I think that God is making progress in me on this topic.

So, it is not an easy concept for me to consider giving up my control to a rule of life because it feels like I would be forced to live under strict rules. However, a rule of life should, instead of being restrictive, be freeing. It gives us a framework to organize the chaos of modern life and helps us to keep our priorities from being lost in the hectic pace of life.

The good news is that we can create the rule for our own life, which means it can meet our goals and needs. As the craziness of the fall comes upon us, I think now is an excellent time to look at what a rule of life could do for our individual lives and our community life. Our role as Christians calls on us to prioritize our relationship with God, and to be in community with fellow Christians.

As we seek to deepen these relationships, a rule of life can help guide us. For more information on different rules of life and creating your own, please visit:

http://www.cslewisinstitute.org/webfm_send/338

or

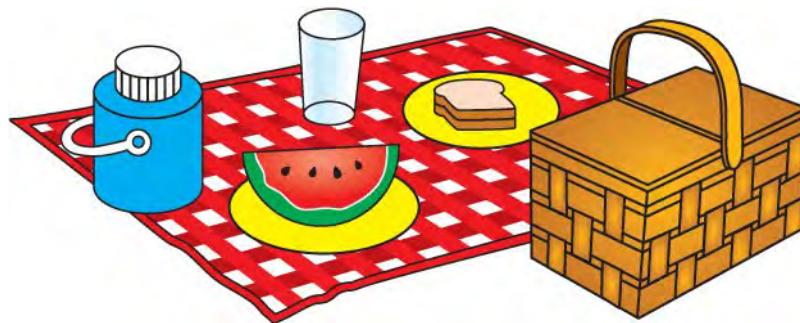
<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love/about-rules-of-life>

Uncovering Trinity and Woodbridge History - A Public Archaeology Open House

Saturday and Sunday, September 28 & 29 from 12:00 – 4:00

Witness an active archaeology dig and talk with archaeologist as they explore one of the earliest house sites in Woodbridge. The home of Jonathan Dunham, the first miller in Woodbridge was built in the early 1700s. His home still stands today and since 1872 had been the rectory for Trinity Episcopal Church. In addition to the archaeology work, the graveyard and historic church will be open as well as limited tours of the Dunham House.





Parish Picnic September 15

Join us as we begin a new year of Sunday School!

If you have children ages 3* and up, bring them to the picnic on 9/15 to meet the teachers, Mrs. Brennan and Mrs. Kershaw. There will be a craft for the kids to color while the food is grilling. Classes begin on September 22 at 9:30am in Parish Hall.

*Children who will turn 3 by 12/31/19 are eligible to participate

The picnic begins directly after 10am mass

We will be grilling burgers and hot dogs on Trinity's lawn*

Bring a blanket and side dish or dessert

Join us for fellowship and fun!

*In case of rain we will eat in Parish Hall

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Bishop Stokes To Visit Trinity November 3rd At 10 AM

The Rt Rev. William H. (Chip) Stokes , the twelfth Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey will be making his Tri-Annual Trinity Parish on Sunday Nov. 3rd for the 10 am Service at which he will be baptizing Jesse Cipolla.

Please make every effort to attend and welcome Bishop Stokes to our Parish and join Mother Angie and Jenna in the joyous celebration of the baptism of their son.

There will be a reception held in his honor immediately following the 10 am Service.



Bob and Arlene

45 – July 27, 1974



Trinity Participates in the 10th Annual Bowl For Hunger



A group of Trinity Bowlers, both good and not so good, participated in the 10th annual Bowl for Hunger at the Majestic Lanes in Woodbridge in which over 600 bowlers participated. This event, which is sponsored NJ State House Speaker Craig Coughlin, benefits the Food Pantries in the 19th Legislative District. Trinity's Food Pantry is a recipient of this Fundraiser.



Celebrating Children at Trinity Woodbridge

To Our Parents:

Relax! God put the wiggle in children: don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.



All are welcome

Sit toward the front where it is easier for our little ones to see and hear what's going on. They tire of seeing the backs of other's heads. Quietly explain the parts of the Service and actions of Mother Angie, Choir Etc.

Sing the Hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn by copying you. If you must leave during service with your child, please do. but please come back. As Jesus said "Let the children come to me".

To the Parishioners of Trinity

The presence of children is a gift to the church and they are a reminder that our congregation is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.



The Valentine Society

On Sunday July 14, 2019. the Chair of the Valentine Society, Arlene Guellnitz, presided over the unveiling of new “leaves” on Trinity’s Giving Tree honoring previously inducted members of the society. The Guellnitz family, Roseanne Pelo Cain and Jane Strauss.

She explained that the Valentine Society was formed to recognize those who have shown their love for Trinity Church through major gifts, planned giving, bequests, and memorial funds.

The society is named for Valentine (Val) Blatz, who served as a Vestry member, Financial Secretary, Lay Eucharistic Minister, and Lay Reader, as well as the Valentine family, who donated the pulpit, rood screen and other items in the early 20th century.

She further explained that the purpose of the Valentine Society is to recognize the numerous acts of generosity, since 1698, that have helped our church carry out its mission, glorifying God in daily worship and prayer, upholding a commitment to our Baptismal Covenant, reaching out to others and preserving the parish. She urged all Parishioners to reflect upon the purpose and the mission of the Valentine Society and join their fellow Parishioners who have shown their love for Trinity Church through major gifts, planned giving, bequests and memorial funds so that our spiritual home will continue to be here for future generations.



Pictured above: Trinity Giving Tree

Above right: Guellnitz Family, Jane Strauss. Note: unable to attend was Roseanne Pelo Cain

Below Right: Mother Angie and Allen Francis unveiling the new leaves on the Giving Tree



Giving Options

As members of Trinity Church, we are called to be good stewards of the assets with which we have been blessed. This calls for faithful financial estate and planning for ourselves and our families to assure that future needs will be met. It also includes considering how we might provide in the future for the church that we have loved and served during our lifetime, in order that its mission remain, vital.

A gift to the Trinity Church can take various forms, the most common are:

- Planned gift - A gift donated out of the estate of a deceased person at the request of the deceased, usually through a will.
- Legacy/memorial gift - A gift, either of cash or an item, donated in memory of a deceased person, usually donated by family and friends of the deceased.
- Major/capital gift - Any large cash gift given (minimum qualifying amount for Giving Tree recognition is \$2,000)

How will my gift be used?

The purpose of Trinity's Investment and Endowment Funds is to strengthen the long-term ministry of Trinity Church by creating and building financial assets which will help Trinity develop significant new ministries beyond what would otherwise be possible through its annual operating budget and to provide resto-

ration and preservation of our historic Church buildings and grounds.

All gifts given to Trinity can be restricted or unrestricted.

- Any gift made that does not come with specific designation of restrictions at the time of the donation is unrestricted and the responsibility for use resides with the vestry/bishop's committee.
- Restricted gifts can be restricted only for a specific purpose (i.e. a major gift donated to fund a specific renovation project) or they can be endowments.
 - ◆ An endowment is a cash gift made with the restriction that the principle of the donation can never be used, only interest generated by the principle.
 - ◆ A restricted endowment is an endowment where the interest can only be used for the purpose specified by the donor. For instance, Trinity has an endowment for the Sunday School. We can never use the \$2,500 originally donated, but we can use the accumulated interest for only Sunday School materials and other Sunday School needs.

Further Information

For more information about specific major or planned giving options contact Mother Angie, our Stewardship chair - Dave Forsythe, or consult your financial adviser.

Did You Remember Trinity In Your Will

While we are considering our yearly pledge to the Parish, it is an excellent time to consider how you remember the parish in your will. Even a small portion of your estate left to the parish can help insure the continued growth and financial security of the parish. Our parish endowment fund was begun many years ago with a gift of less than \$1,000 and through careful management and continued additions to the fund, it has grown to the point where it is now able provide a real help in fulfilling our obligations as a parish.

Please remember Trinity in your will!

The prayer book reminds us of that responsibility in a note at the conclusion of the service for *Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child* on page 445

Please provide more information about wills, bequests and other methods of endowment.

Signed:

Address:

Phone: _____

For Reflection:

Sharing our gifts with others brings satisfaction, peace and joy to the giver's heart. St Paul once remarked: "...we must help the weak, and keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said, 'It is more "It is blessed to give than to receive. " (Acts 20:35)



An Invitation From Trinity's Way of Saint Paul Team



Have you come out for Wednesday's Worship And Dinner yet?

If not, here's your invitation to join us. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. in the Parish House, with Bible study and Eucharist.

Stop by and join us; we'll make room for you. Or come a little early and lend a hand in this outreach ministry, all are welcome as we are called to reflect on the words of Mother Teresa:

"I used to pray that God would feed the hungry, or do this or that, but now I pray that he will guide me to do whatever I'm supposed to do, what I can do. I use to pray for answers, but now I'm praying for strength. I use to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things".

All are welcome and there is no Charge.

For further information call the Parish Office

or

The Rev. Angela Cipolla, Trinity's Priest in Charge



Please Join Us

Please join us in this most import Ministry. To volunteer 2-4 hrs per month please contact:

Carroll Thomas or Allen Francis



Dinner



Thank you all for your help with the Back to School Dinner.

Your donations of backpacks, school supplies and raffle table items was Awesome!

The children were able to choose a backpack filled with school supplies. The look on each of their faces when they make that selection is so special and unforgettable.

Happy New School Year to all the children and teachers.



Blood Drive! Thank

Thank you to all of the blood donors of Trinity. On Aug 22, there was a successful blood drive. There will be another drive at our church in 2020. Donating blood is a very easy and generous way to help so many people. Hope to see you at our next drive on January 5, 2020.

- Ross Guellnitz



Trinity To Hold Book Sale to Benefit the “Flush Fund”

Join us for a sale of used books discovered in Trinity's attic, as well as books from the church's library that have gone unused for decades. You'll be able to take home as much as a grocery bag's worth of books for a \$5 entry fee. We'll even supply the bag.

Trinity members will be able to shop at an unadvertised pre-sale from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 28. Any leftover books will be offered for sale to the general public from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the next day, Sept. 29. All proceeds will go into Trinity's "flush fund" to help pay for a renovation of the church bathrooms. Call the Church Office at (732) 634-7422 for more information.



Volunteers Needed

Please Join Us
Just a Few Hours
A Month



Your Food Pantry Ministry is in need of several volunteers to enable us to efficiently service and fulfill a most important need in our Community. Even in these times of plenty, the numbers of those in need is ever increasing.

If you can spare a few hours on the first Saturday of the month or on the 2nd, or 3rd or 4th Thursday of the month, please consider joining us. The duties include packing and distribution food baskets.

Please consider joining us. You might enjoy the gratifying satisfaction and pride that helping others brings.

We are open on the 1st Saturday 10:30 - 11:30 am and on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Thursday 10am - 11am.

For further information or to volunteer please contact: *Carroll Thomas* or *Allen Francis*

Soup Kitchen Needs

Our Soup Kitchen operates on the generosity of our Parishioners as well as some outside Grants.

At this time, Our Soup Kitchen Ministry is in need of the following items:

Coffee, Coffee Cups, Soups, Iced Tea Mix, Disposable salad/soup bowls, Butter, Jelly, Tea Bags, and Grated Cheese.

These items can be dropped off at our Office during Office Business hours.

Thanking you in advance for your generosity.



Don't Forget Food Pantry Donations

Always needed are the following items: Boxed Cereals, Canned/Dried Soups, Canned Fruits, Dried/Canned Milk, Canned Vegetables, Canned Pork and Beans, Sugar, Pasta/Spaghetti, Canned Fish/Meat, Rice, Tomato Paste, Puddings/Jello, Dried Beans, Tomato Sauce, Cake Mixes, Teas/Coffee, Flour.

THANK YOU for your continued support



Get to Know Your Fellow Parishioner

By: Jenna Cipolla



My journey to the Episcopal Church isn't incredibly exciting. I grew up in a non-denominational church in Northern NJ, and I always remember feeling like I didn't belong there. I would regularly attend services with my dad, and there was something incredibly impersonal about being one person in a sea of a thousand on a Sunday (forget Easter and Christmas... I was the needle in the haystack on those days). When I got to high school, I felt even less like I fit into a church family as I was starting to come to terms with who I was as a person, and I just stopped going. Even though I didn't attend church for the better part of 10 years, I was still drawn to Christ, I just didn't know how to connect with a church family.

Fast forward to 2012, I was on a dating website (to cancel my profile... there were quite a few crazy people out there!) and I received a message from none other than our priest, Mother Angie. I took a chance on one last crazy person, and as you know, the rest is history, as we just celebrated the seven year anniversary of our first date. As we started dating and getting to know one another, she made it quite clear to me that she was OK with the fact that I didn't attend church, and that I shouldn't attend services just because she did. As our relationship deepened, I began to hang out at the seminary more often, and I was just enthralled with the beauty of the campus, the daily services, and the aura of the students who were dedicating their lives to God. Now, I have absolutely no desire to become a priest (I would much rather wrangle a bunch of band kids), but being around all these Episcopalians got me interested in finding a church home of my own.

I did my research and I found a church in Glen Rock, NJ that I began attending on Epiphany 2013 (what a day to start!). I got roped into their choir my first day there, and I found that I loved the priest, the congregation, and all of the open arms that welcomed me into their parish life. I attended by myself every Sunday for about 3 months, and when I really decided to jump into the church life and stick with this congregation, I thought it was time to tell Angie. The conversation went something like this:

J: "We need to talk."

A: (internal dialogue) "Uh oh... I thought things were going well! Is she going to break up with me?"

J: "I've been going to church."

A: "OH THANK GOD!"

I might have been a little dramatic about my announcement, but once the initial shock of not getting dumped passed, Angie fully supported my move into the church. I was baptized at the Easter Vigil in 2014, and once we transitioned to Trinity, was confirmed as a member of the Episcopal Church in May of 2016.

Our time here at Trinity has been rewarding so far. We have met some of the most beautiful people (you guys!) as Angie has rolled up her sleeves and gotten to work. I love serving weekly as a member of the church choir, editing and sending out This Week to the parish, and being a member of the St. Anne's Unit. It is a blessing to serve alongside you all as I help out when I can at our Wednesday Night Dinner Eucharist, and at most of our church fundraisers. I look forward to raising our son Jesse in the church, and to all of the love and blessings that this community continues to shower us with as we continue to grow with you all.



St Anne's Unit



2019 Christmas Sale

Poinsettias, Decorated Wreaths Grave Covers & Grave Blankets Adopt A Grave Project

Due to the conversion of the **Trinity Herald** to a Quarterly publication, we are starting our planning and notification of our 2019 Christmas Sale Fundraiser. We ask for your understanding and support.

Also, we are asking you to consider purchasing an extra grave cover and "adopt a grave" of someone forgotten by their family, friends, or history. If you cannot place the grave blanket or grave cover yourself, we will gladly place them for you.

In addition please consider giving a Christmas Door wreath or poinsettia to family member, friend or neighbor.

We will be taking orders now until Sunday November 17th for pickup on Saturday December 7th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM so that everyone will have the opportunity to place the grave covers or blankets during the entire Advent season.

St. Anne's Unit would like to express our sincere appreciation for your past support of our Christmas Sale Fundraiser and look forward for your continued support.

For your convenience, ***Order Forms will be available at both entrances to the Church, in the Church Office, at Coffee Hour, and is printed on the following page.***

Our sincere thanks to all.

For additional information, please contact the Church Office or call:

***Jeanne Boyle
732-548-2431***



St Anne's Unit Adopt A Grave Project

***Please Remember someone
who has been forgotten***

With summer waning and Fall quickly approaching, please consider to be part of our Adopt a Grave program.

We ask each Parish family to maintain one of our many historical graves, many grave sites dating from the early 1700s, or a grave whose family has moved away or that has been forgotten.

If each Parish Family did just a little, the entire Church Yard could be an honor to those who have proceeded us.

In addition, we are asking you to consider purchasing an extra grave cover for your adopted grave site during our Christmas Fundraising Sale.

If you cannot place the grave blanket yourself, we will gladly place them for you.

Our sincere thanks to all.

Arlene Guellnitz

President St. Anne's Unit

For additional information, please call:

For Grave Sites

Allen Francis

732-494-3723

For Grave Cover

Grave Blanket sales

Jeanne Boyle

732-548--2431

Order Form

**Trinity Episcopal Church: St. Anne's
Unit Poinsettia –Grave Cover and Adopt a Grave Sale
Christmas 2019**

Poinsettia

Pot Size	Blooms	Available Colors	Price	How Many	Color	Total Price
6 inch	5 Blooms	Red White Pink	\$7ea. 3/15			\$
8 inch	12-15 Blooms	Red White Pink	\$16.00			\$
10 inch	20 Blooms	Red White Pink	\$20.00			\$

Grave Covers

<u>Description</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>How Many</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
Grave Cover Decorated	\$ 21.00		\$

Grave Blankets

<u>Description</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>How Many</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
Grave Blanket Decorated	\$ 32.00	\$	

Door Wreaths

<u>Description</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>How Many</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
Door Wreaths Decorated	\$ 21.00		\$
<u>Adopt A Grave:</u> Please indicate the person to be remembered if you wish us to place the grave cover:		Total Amount:	\$ _____
			Check # _____

Submit Orders: No Later Than

Sunday, November 17, 2019

Pick Up Date For All Orders:

Saturday December 7, 2019

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell/Work: _____

E-Mail: _____

*Make Checks payable to: Trinity Episcopal Church
Trinity Church, 650 Rahway Ave, Woodbridge, NJ 07095*

You will be given a reminder call for your pickup

Please pick up your order when notified because we cannot store your order and can not be responsible

For Further Information Call: Jeanne Boyle @ 732-548-2431

Trinity's St. Anne's Unit Jewelry Booth At the Barron Arts Center Flea Market

On July 23, 2019 the women of Trinity's St. Anne's Unit participated in the Barron Arts Center Flea Market which was held on the Parker Press Grounds on Rahway Avenue. According to St. Anne's Unit President Arlen Guellnitz, the Costume Jewelry sold was donated by Parishioners. The proceeds of the sale went towards "Trinity's Flush Fund".



DIAPER DRIVE



Food Pantry/Diaper Ministry Director Carroll Thomas reported that Trinity's Mother's Day Diaper Drive was a huge success. On behalf of Mother Angie and the volunteers, he expressed his sincere appreciation and thanked all Parishioners who donated to this Ministry. He stated that without such participation, Trinity could not carry on this vital Ministry.

He emphasized that, unfortunately, diapers are not covered by any Federal or State benefit program and this creates a dire need that can only be filled by such volunteer programs such as Trinity's Diaper Bank.

The need for diapers, both Children, Toddlers and Adult Diapers is an ongoing need throughout the year.

Your generous donations, either in the form of diapers or cash, throughout the year helps us restock our Diaper Bank for families in need. Because 1 in 3 families experience diaper need and the cost is \$85-\$95 per month per child, the need is felt throughout the year. Your generous donations are appreciated.

Our Diaper Program is sponsored by the Community Food Bank of NJ, The Diocese of NJ, Jubilee Office, KLM Contractor, The Lions Club of Woodbridge and the BCB Bank of Woodbridge.

For further information, call our Food Pantry line at 732-6345-7422 ext 103 and leave a message that will be returned or visit our web site at:

www.trinitywoodbridge.org

Strawberry Festival **Thank You!**

St. Anne's Unit President Arlene Guellnitz reported that on Sunday June 9, 2019 Saint Anne's Unit held their Annual Strawberry Festival in our Parish Hall. She stated that the 2019 Festival was well attended.

President Guellnitz expressed her appreciation and sincere thank for all those vendors and Parishioners who donated items for our "Tricky Tray" and all the volunteers who made the 2019 Strawberry Festival a success



Strawberry Festival Menu

Pound Cake with Ice Cream and Strawberries

Cheesecake with Strawberries

Devil's Food Cake with Ice Cream and Strawberries

Strawberries and Ice Cream

Just Strawberries

Beverages: Lemonade

Coffee, Decaff and Regular

Tea, Decaff and Regular

Limited availability: Sugar Free Ice Cream



Trinity Offers More Opportunities to Worship

Each time we pray the Lord's Prayer we pray that God's Kingdom will come on Earth as it is in Heaven. Yet all you have to do is turn on the news to see how far from that reality we are right now. As Christians, we are called to live our Baptismal vows each day. We work and fight for social justice and the dignity of each human being. It is hard work and it can be discouraging when we see the magnitude of what is still to be done. That is one of the many reasons that it is so crucial for us to ground everything that we do in prayer and worship. In response to the growing needs of our community to expand our outreach and justice ministries, we will also be expanding our worship opportunities.



• **Morning Prayer** is held on Thursday mornings at 9:00 am in St Martha's house. Morning Prayer is an ancient prayer service which takes about 15 minutes and connects us to God and each other as we begin our day centered on God and God's call to us.



• A **Dinner-Eucharist** is held on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm in the Parish House. Come join us for a delicious dinner as we discuss Bible readings and celebrate the Eucharist together. All ages are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Annual Parish Picnic Sunday Sept 15 th Immediately Following 10:00 am Service



Our Annual Parish Family Picnic will be held lieu of the regular Coffee Hour on Sunday Sept. 15th immediacy following the 10 AM Service.

As usual, the hamburgers/hot dogs/ condiments will be provided. We are requesting that each family bring a salad, dessert or other dish for our family picnic. If you would like to insure that our Parish Family Picnic is a success, Please contact the Parish Office or sign up in the Parish Hall or contact Ross Guellnitz.

Please plan to attend and enjoy the Day!

Minks and Mozart

By Tina Chaves



I love classical music! I haven't always, though. It wasn't until about 1986 or '87, when I first saw the film, based on the Peter Shaffer play, "Amadeus". It was then that I fell in love with the musical genre. I became intrigued with Mozart, especially, and in 1988 I went to my very first opera, which was Mozart's "Così Fan Tutte".

My Mom took me into New York City to the Metropolitan Opera, and I was spellbound! What an experience, especially as a girl of only 19! It was better than any rock concert I had ever been to! I was in awe of the high class women at the Met who were dressed so glamorous in their gowns and mink coats. It was all so surreal and it made me feel cultured. Over the years, I have had the good fortune of attending various operas, but none was as electrifying as my experience at the Metropolitan Opera!

Recently, though, I have enjoyed attending performances of symphonies and other classical music concerts (the best one so far being Mozart's "Requiem". All I can say is 'WOW!!!!'), and one day a few months ago I was remembering my outing to the Met, and thought of the women in their minks. I just seemed so classy and swanky. So I thought to myself, 'Why don't I purchase a faux mink to wear at the symphonies and piano concertos, and in case I go to any operas?'

But the Holy Spirit had other ideas!

His ideas: contentment and stewardship. He said to me in my heart: "Do you really *need* a faux mink, or is it just another material thing to spend money on; money that could be spent on others who are in real need; needs such as food, clothing, shelter and other basic necessities? What about my work for the Kingdom; can the money you would use to purchase an unnecessary want...not a need...go toward helping to share the Gospel and advance my Kingdom?"

Well, I heard the Holy Spirit loud and clear! It would be a frivolous purchase; a waste of money. I needed to find my contentment and joy in doing God's Work of helping the poor and sharing the Good News with a hurting world, not in amassing material things. Money may buy a lot of things, including real and faux minks, but it doesn't buy happiness. Rather, in the words of St. Paul, quoting Jesus, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35). And that is worth more than all the minks in the world!!!

Volunteer or Visit Trinity's Booth At St James Street Fair September 21st

On Saturday Sept 21st, Trinity will be participating in the Annual St. James Street Fair on Main Street in downtown Woodbridge.

If you have a few hours to spare, please consider volunteering to man the booth or just stop by to say hello.

For further information, please contact any Member of the Way of St. Paul Committee or the Parish Office.



Please Join Us



Stewardship Corner

Time

Our time begins at birth and ends on this earth with death. For most, it is about 25,000 days. Our time is precious and cannot be stored up like grain in a barn. Once a moment passes it is gone forever. God wants all of us to reach heaven; that is why He created us and why He sent us Jesus. Our life on earth is a pilgrimage toward heaven. Each day, each week, each month and each year we must be progressive on our pilgrimage. We cannot do this unless we give some time to God.

* Through daily prayer, we develop a close personal relationship with God, sharing with Him our successes and failures, and asking for His guidance in our daily lives.

* Reading Scripture daily helps us reflect on God's word. It also tells of God's great love for us.

* Assisting individuals and organizations is another way to share our personal time to the glory of God. We also show our love for Him by letting Christ use our feet, our hands, our eyes and our voice.

Your gift of time is unique, because you are the only one who can give it.

Talent

All of us have special talents or gifts, which are a sign of the power and majesty of God, who can do all things. These talents and gifts are not given to us just for our own use, but are given to us for the enrichment of the lives of others and so that we can serve God better.

St. Peter in his first epistle tells us, "Each one of you has received a special grace, so like good stewards responsible for all these different graces of God, put yourselves at the service of others."

All of Christ's works need to be done in our parish and community. As you know, Christ is not physically present in our parish to:

* Visit the sick and elderly

* Feed the hungry

* Teach those who want to learn

* Console the lonely and sorrowful

* Pray for the needs and to give a helping hand and a kind word

Christ depends upon each one of us to do these Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy in His name. That makes us co-workers with Christ in the Holy Works of Redemption. What a privilege!

Your gift of talent is a special gift only you can give. Remember the words of St. Francis of Assisi: "It is in giving that we receive."

Treasure

The Christian need to share our gifts of Treasure may be best illustrated by the well-known parable of the talents, Matthew 25:14-30, which speaks of a man preparing to travel to a far country. Before departing, he gives talents or money to his servants.

* The first servant receives five talents and works to build them into five more

* The second servant, who receives two talents, doubles their value as well

* But the third servant, who receives one talent, buries it

When the master returns, he praises the first and second servants, but he takes the one talent from the third servant because the servant was not a good steward of the money, having done nothing to increase its value. The lesson of the parable of the talents is that we are to make good use of material gifts given to us by God. To be less than frugal with our material goods is a sin. To do nothing with them is just as wrong.

When we do make the most of material possessions, Sacred Scripture points out two ways we can show our gratitude to God for his gifts.

* First, because God is the Giver, some percentage of what is received must be returned to Him as an act of gratitude. (The Old Testament people were expected to give a tithe of 10 percent. This practice is mentioned 39 times in the Old Testament and 11 times in the New Testament, so we know it is God's will that the practice be continued.)

* Secondly, there should be some sharing of our money and material goods with those in need in our family, community, diocese, parish and world. Paul 11, Cor. 9:1-15.

Your gift of treasure is a direct gift only you can give. Remember the words of St. Francis of Assisi: "It is in giving that we receive."

(Stewardship Statement of: St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Wichita, KS)

Saint Anne 's Unit News



St Anne's News

Note to the Women of Trinity ... and beyond! On Monday, Sept 9, 2019 at 6:45pm, St Anne's Unit will have their fall meeting. St Anne's is open to all women of Trinity and other women from the community who wish to join us. We schedule our meetings to last about 1 – 1 ½ hours. We offer friendship. We serve refreshments. We are committed to helping Trinity Church. We have 10 meetings a year. Some are decision meetings but most based on sharing friendship and learning. Any questions – ask a member.

The topics for fall meetings: **Sep 9 Business**

Oct 7 Jewelry demonstration and sale

Nov 4 Tribute to members

Celebrate Your Birthday: Donate To The “Flush Fund”

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad and rejoice in it!

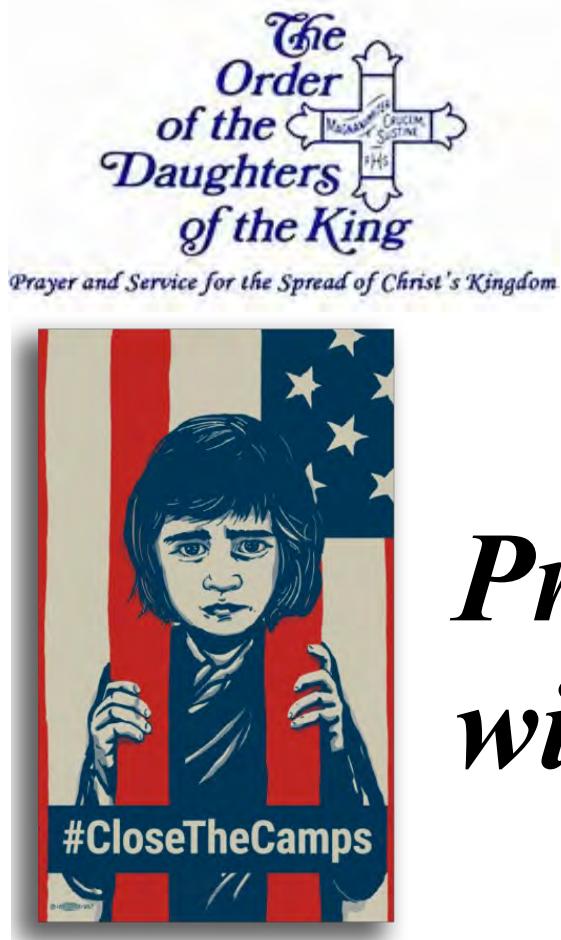


In a recent conversation with members of the Stewardship Committee the topic came up about how to celebrate a birthday. We all have much to be thankful for. Someone suggested that a way to celebrate and help the church would be to donate a dollar for each year you are celebrating. This year give that donation to the **Flush Fund**. **The Flush Fund** is the nickname we have given to the fund we are contributing to in order to update the bathroom facilities in Trinity Church Hall.

Celebrating is simple - put a check or money in an envelope with a note as to who you are and what you are celebrating. Put the envelope into the collection plate or the Flush Fund Jar at Fellowship Hour or give to Mother Angela.

Recently a group of our church members have been participating in programs at other area churches. We noticed how easy it was for people to get into our church and fellowship halls as compared to other churches. With the completion of the ramp into St Martha's house, all of our public buildings can be entered without having to climb stairs. We have a parking lot that is close to the buildings. We have a kitchen attached to the fellowship hall that makes it easy to serve food. But, then there is the bathroom situation and that is one of the reasons that outside groups are reluctant to rent our hall. This could be fixed. We have plans but we need funds. The plans include closing off the men's room in the basement and making 2 bathrooms on the main floor. One of these bathrooms would be wheelchair accessible

Please consider making a donation to make the bathrooms easily useable (and more rentable). Send a check or put it into the collection plate (designating The Flush Fund). You can bring a “Change Trinity” by putting change (dollars and checks happily accepted) into the Glass Bank during fellowship hour.



Meeting Schedule

The Daughters of the King meet every 2nd Sunday after the 8 am Mass.

Please join us.

*Praying that all
will be welcomed*



Fellowship With Coffee

*All are invited to Fellowship after
the 10 am Mass*

I will make the coffee

Will you sign up to bring a simple treat?

**Thanking you for your contribution
See you there in the Fellowship Hall**

Janet

Altar Memorials

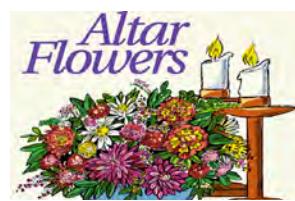
If you would like to provide memorial flowers, the Sanctuary candle or offer the elements in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for any occasion, please contact the Parish office at:

(732)-634-7422

Memorials will be provided at the following cost per name:

Sanctuary Candle \$5 Altar Flowers \$20.

Elements (Bread & Wine)



Volunteers Needed

Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Guild



Let us welcome Nancy Milochik and Alyson Morgan as our newest Eucharistic Ministers!

Won't you consider joining Nancy, Alyson and all the Eucharist Ministers?

You just might enjoy your service!!

As a Eucharistic Minister and/or Visitor you will have the satisfaction and develop a new sense of spirituality by participating directly on the Altar and in the Holy Eucharist.

As a Eucharistic Visitor you will be rewarded with a deep satisfaction of administering Holy Communion to those Parishioners who are unable to attend Mass.

It does not involve much of your time to participate in this most satisfying Ministry. Depending upon the number of Parishioners accepting this challenge and joining the ranks of Trinity's Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors it can be as little as 1-2 hours per month.

To volunteer or for further information, please contact: Mother Angela

For Reflection

Use what talents you possess: The woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those who sang the best.



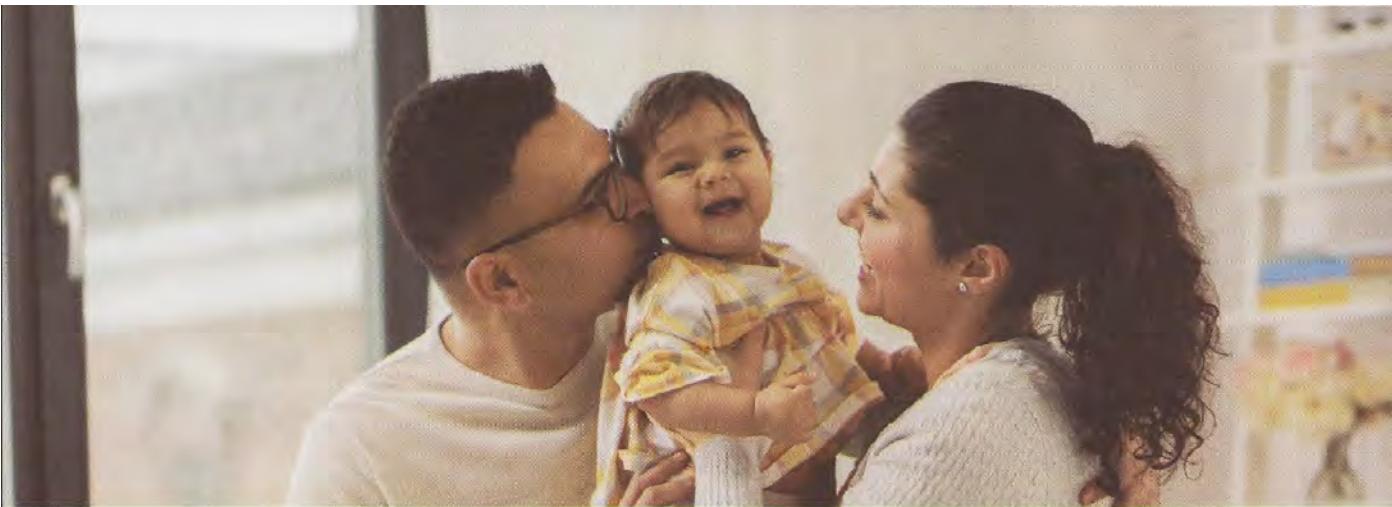
During the last several months, the ranks of our Altar Guild have been reduced and we are seeking women (or men) to join our Ministry.

The Altar Guild is one of the most important and satisfying Ministries of our Church. When resetting the Altar, you are often doing it in the solitude of an empty Church that lends itself to contemplation and meditation. Most Altar Guild Members find this time most gratifying and rewarding.

Each Altar Guild Member serves one month at a time. At present the Altar Guild is on a 3 month rotation. With additional members, the time between will be increased.

To volunteer or for further information, please contact Mother Angela or any Altar Guild Member.





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-  FREE replacement of inefficient refrigerators, thermostats and more
-  FREE installation of air sealing, heating/cooling equipment maintenance, duct sealing and more
-  FREE insulation upgrades (attic, wall, etc.)
-  FREE personalized energy counseling



These energy-efficient upgrades will save you money on your utility bills, and you will also benefit from lowered energy use and increased comfort in your home as a result of these services.

To apply for the New Jersey Comfort Partners Program, please complete the enclosed application and return it using the enclosed postage-paid envelope. Once we receive your application, your account information will be confirmed, and if eligible, you will be contacted to schedule your Home Energy Assessment.

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Soles for the Harvest 5K and Fun Run

November 2, 2019 @ 7:30 am – 11:00 am

Join us for the **eighth annual** Soles for the Harvest 5k and 1-Mile Fun Run!

Veterans Park in Hamilton, NJ. Enter from the South entrance (Kuser Road only!)

Race proceeds benefit programs dedicated to alleviating hunger in New Jersey.

During registration, YOU may **BECOME A FUNDRAISER**, creating the capacity to accept online donations for a hunger-related charity **OF YOUR CHOICE!** YOUR hunger-related charity may be a Church supported feeding program or a not-for-profit feeding program.

Participants are also asked to bring canned goods to benefit a local food pantry.

PLEASE help us share the harvest!

SOLES FOR THE HARVEST 5K AND 1 MILE FUN RUN is sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey, Office of Jubilee Ministries!

[Register online](#) or [download registration form](#) Register No